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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROVIDE AN  
ITEMIZED ACCOUNTING OF THE \$1,000,000 THAT THE JUSTICE  
REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE SET ASIDE IN 2012 FOR COMMUNITY-  
BASED PROGRAMS AND THE \$3,400,000 SET ASIDE IN 2013 FOR  
EXPANDING TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND VICTIMS' SERVICES AND  
INITIATING PLANS TO ESTABLISH A RESEARCH AND PLANNING  
OFFICE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii was awarded a Justice Reinvestment  
2 Initiative technical assistance grant by the Department of  
3 Justice in 2011 after completing a very competitive process; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments is a nonpartisan  
6 non-profit that works with the Department of Justice, Urban  
7 Institute, and other entities to further justice reinvestment in  
8 states to reduce the prison population using data-driven and  
9 evidence-based strategies; and  
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11 WHEREAS, analysts with the Council of State Governments  
12 worked closely with the Justice Reinvestment Working Group and  
13 state agencies involved with the criminal justice system; and  
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15 WHEREAS, data shows that Hawaii's prison and jail  
16 populations experienced rapid growth between 2000 and 2011,  
17 which led to overcrowding in the State's correctional  
18 facilities; and  
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20 WHEREAS, by 2011, approximately 1,700 of Hawaii's prisoners  
21 were housed out of state; and  
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23 WHEREAS, justice reinvestment legislation mandates use of a  
24 pretrial risk assessment, reduces sentences for certain parole  
25 violations and drug offenses, expands parole, and enhances  
26 community-based treatment and victims' services; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's incarcerated population declined four  
2 percent after the first year that justice reinvestment was  
3 implemented; and

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5 WHEREAS, the reduction in the corrections population saved  
6 the State \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2013; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State allocated \$3,400,000 in fiscal year 2013  
9 for expanding treatment programs and victims' services and  
10 initiating plans to establish a research and planning office;  
11 now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,  
15 that the Department of Public Safety is requested to provide an  
16 itemized accounting of the \$1,000,000 that the Justice  
17 Reinvestment Initiative set aside in 2012 for community-based  
18 programs and the \$3,400,000 set aside in 2013 for expanding  
19 treatment programs and victims' services and initiating plans to  
20 establish a research and planning office; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Public  
24 Safety.

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27 OFFERED BY: Will Eyo

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~~Don A.C. Smith~~  
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